

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

The present preliminary amendment is submitted to place the above-identified application in more proper format under United States practice.

By the present preliminary amendment original Claims 1-11 are cancelled and new Claims 12-22 are presented for examination. New Claims 12-22 are deemed to be self-evident from the original disclosure, including original Claims 1-11, and thus are not deemed to raise any issue of new matter. Further, new Claims 12-22 are not believed to be more narrow in scope in any aspect in comparison with original Claims 1-11.

A new Abstract believed to be in more proper format under United States practice is also submitted herein.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Claims 1-11 (Cancelled).

Claims 12-22 (New).

IN THE ABSTRACT

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